

Application No. 10/552,698

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AMENDMENTS**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A grounding switch, comprising:
a moveable contact piece, which passes through an electrically conductive encapsulating housing wall such that it is sealed by a sealing element,
the moveable contact piece being electrically conductively connected to the encapsulating housing wall via the sealing element in the form of a bellows and being guided in a journal bearing supported on the encapsulating housing, wherein
the moveable contact piece is configured to be driven by means of an electrically insulating handle.
2. (Previously Presented) The grounding switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the insulating handle is mounted and configured to slide in a guide element.